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bill, have separate discussion when we aren't pressed on finances. Our decision on this could be swayed by the...by the pickle we're in on money, and it should be made independently because it's a long-term decision. It will change the direction of that whole agency. I'll remind the body that we have another bill, which may or may not appear on the floor, which the committee calls the QPAP bill. And that is a bill which, at the request of one of the telecommunications carriers, in fact, Qwest, has asked us to allow them to voluntarily contribute money for their regulation so that they can qualify for long distance carrier status. And that bill is a separate decision, but in that case there's separate reasons to consider that and we'll debate that if the bill gets on the floor. But I do think we should take our time, look at this, and we could be ready for this, if we decide to do it, by the next time we have a budget to construct. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I've now had an opportunity to review the Committee Statement for LB 1310. I find that there was 1 proponent and 49 opponents. Now I don't think all 49 of the opponents were probably dealing with Sections 21 and 22, and I think Senator Beutler will tell that. I'm inviting him, on his own time, to tell us what really happened at the hearing on LB 1249. And I would be particularly interested, I do note that Anne Boyle of the Nebraska Public Service Commission appeared in opposition at the hearing on LB 1310, but I would be interested to know what the testimony of the Public Service Commission was with regard to LB 1249. I'd also be interested in knowing what the testimony of the "regulatees", under these two sections, was at the hearing on LB 1249. I understand that other states do it this way. I'm simply not convinced that at this moment in time, much as Senator Bromm said, we have to do this as a part of some sort of an emergency funding package, which is how we tend to be approaching finances these days, when, in fact, this has nothing to do with today or tomorrow or the next day. It has nothing to do with this year or next year. It's off into the future. could take the time to think about this and to be better I don't deny, for a moment, Senator Beutler has informed.